

cont. C1 NOTICE: More than one reissue application has been filed for the reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,637,913. The reissue applications are: U.S. Serial No. 09/328,910 filed 9 June 1999 (the present application), pending; U.S. Serial No. 09/987,978 filed 16 November 2001, pending; and U.S. Serial No. 09/989,242 filed 19 November 2001, pending.--

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is responsive to any paper identified above, and in any manner indicated below.

PENDING CLAIMS

✓ Applicant respectfully requests that the statement made in the Amendment filed 9 November 2001 regarding the claim count in the present application be **discarded**. At entry of this paper, Claims 1-36 and 50-72 remain pending in the application for further consideration and examination.

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicant has amended the application in accordance with U.S. patent practice, to update the identification of related applications from the identification present in the case at filing. Further, the specification has been amended to supply a required Notice indicating that more than one application has been filed for reissue of a single patent, and such Notice will be updated promptly upon receipt of the required information by Applicant.

As the section relating to cross-reference cases was deleted in its entirety and a new replacement section submitted, no marked-up version showing changes is required.

SURRENDER OF SEALED LETTERS PATENT CERTIFICATE

In accordance with a telephone request from Examiner J. Clark on 4 January 2002, Applicant hereby surrenders the original, sealed Letters Patent Certificate No. 5,637,913. Applicant courteously thanks the Examiner for the indication of impending allowance of the present application that prompted the telephone request.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

On 13 August 2001, Applicant submitted an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) which fulfilled all of the requirements under §§1.97 and 1.98. Attached is a copy of a postcard itemizing the IDS and carrying the date stamp of the USPTO Mail Room to indicate the Office's receipt thereof. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 filed with the IDS, with the Examiner's initials to indicate consideration of the reference listed thereon.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is herein invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys at the local Washington, D.C. area telephone number of 703-312-6600 for discussing any Examiner's Amendments or other suggested actions for completing prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and the attached surrendered Letters Patent, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

It is submitted that this Supplemental Amendment is timely filed at the behest of the Examiner, and therefore, no Petition or extension fees are required. To whatever other extent is actually necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time. Please charge any fees necessitated by this filing to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Order No. 501.32049R00), and credit any overpayment or excess fee thereto.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Sealed Letters Patent No. 5,637,913
- Copy of Date-Stamped Postcard (IDS)